

stated Kim Gerrie, President of this past year's Students' Representative Council. "All of us future Mohawk alumni will have access to this magnificent facility."

Kim, most certainly, has reason to be proud of his involvement in the development of the new centre. He has participated as an active member on the Board of the S.U.C. as well as the Architect Selection Committee and the Design Refinement Committee.

Another person who should take pride in the new student centre is Wayne Garland, a fellow Mohawk alumnus (1971). Wayne works at the college as Manager of Ontario College Information System and Facilities Planning. He is a member of the Board of the S.U.C. and acted as Chairman of the Architect Selection Committee. Those roles, however, are only focal points for the many hours of his involvement in the development of the new centre. Fittingly, it was Wayne who made the presentation of the proposal to the College Board of Governors on behalf of the Students' Union Corporation.

Cal Haddad, Dean of Student Services, must also be mentioned as one who has played an integral role in the development of the centre. He has been an advocate of this project from day one; most notably as Chairman of the Development Fund Committee which was formed in April of 1981 with the sole purpose of setting the groundwork for the goal which is soon to be achieved.

Jal Wadia of the Architecture Department worked with Garland, Haddad and Gerrie on the Architect Selection Committee.

Seven architects were invited to make presentations to the Selection Committee. Four accepted the invitation and, of those, a prominent Hamilton architect, Michael Torsney, won the competition.

Mr. Torsney's design concept incorporates the Arnold Centre as a central, integrated element.

"In our design approach, the principal consideration for our solution was its relationship to the Arnold Centre," explained the noted architect. "(The Arnie) seemed to be the hard-fought-for building on campus, dear to students and alumni hearts alike, and our philosophy made it a part of the future expansion."

Torsney's design positions the new centre at the end of E-wing facing Governor's Boulevard and wrapping around the Arnold Centre. It features a two-phase development with varying floor levels designed to coordinate with the Arnie and provide multiple access to E-wing.

"It is an exciting design solution that is functional and practical, while respecting the existing building," Wayne Garland stated in his presentation to the Board.

Another attractive feature of the Torsney design is the fact that it introduces a new, major, student-oriented, entranceway at the east end of the College. More than two-thirds of the student body presently use that exit.

Phase One, which will be attached to the main building, utilizes 26,400 square feet. A lounge/pub designed to accommodate up to 600 people will be its focal point, but, by no means its only purpose.

Phase One will house the offices for the Students' Representative Council, the Student Activities Department and the Alumni Department. There will be seminar rooms with movable partitions, a games room, a quiet lounge for up to 80 patrons, storage rooms, workshop space and offices for the Satellite (student newspaper), CHMR (student radio station), and MCTV



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MICHAEL TORSNEY
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(student T.V. station). Space has also been allocated in Phase One for commercial services which might include a donut & muffin shop, a pizza shop, soup & Italian food deli, a hotdog & hamburger variety store.

While Phase One focuses on the social aspects of student life, Phase Two will concentrate on the physical. It will be a 24,000 square foot recreation and fitness centre complete with a gymnasium, racquetball courts, fitness facilities, activity rooms, dressing rooms, showers, lockers, washrooms and offices.

Although Michael Torsney's design concept was praised for its "good internal space relationships" it was, of course, based on limited information. After being accepted in principle, the next stage was to develop a detailed layout plan refined through communication with the ultimate users. For that purpose, a Student Centre Design Refinement Committee was set up last November under the chairmanship of Richard Court of the College's Physical Resources Division.

The Design Refinement Committee was broken down into several sub-committees specifically geared to handle areas such as the needs and requirements of the Athletic Complex, the SRC/SAD/Alumni office spaces, the pub/lounge, and final utilization of and renovations for the Arnold Centre and the development of landscaping and interior design techniques.

"We are all very excited that everyone's efforts have culminated in such a positive way," exclaimed Cal Haddad.

When completed, the new student centre may well be the most impressive complex of its nature on the campus of any college in the Province of Ontario.

"But, how much will all this cost?" you might ask.

The answer: about \$4 million. And, guess what? As an alumnus of Mohawk college, you can take pride in the fact that you have already picked up part of the tab.

Funding for this project began a number of years ago with the inception of a Development Fund. Each year about \$10 from every full-time student's activity fee has gone into the kitty. Added to that are the profits from the Arnold Centre (\$48,000 in 1983) and the interest accrued from the fund itself, as well as a portion of the recently initiated \$3 activity fee contributed by part-time students. The total figure to date in the development fund is in the neighbourhood of \$700,000.

Considering what the new facility will have to offer and the fact that it is available for use by Alumni as well as full and part time students, the small amount that it has cost each individual in the Alumni body should be considered money well spent.

There is also a very good possibility that both the Federal and Provincial governments will contribute financially to this project. Applications have been made to the Federal Canada Works Project and the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Uni-